Vacant posts in Pondicherry University

982. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in the Pondicherry University and the number of posts kept vacant by the University, till 15th February, 2001;

(b) what steps are being taken to fill up these posts; and

(c) what are the reasons for not filling them up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [Dr. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According to the information furnished by the Pondicherry University, the total number of posts in the University is 811, and the number of vacant posts as on 15th February, 2001, was 150.

(b) and (c) The University has advertised the vacant teaching posts and necessary steps to fill up these have been taken by the University. As regards non-teaching posts, it has not been possible to fill up these on account of recent ban.

Financial Assistance for Women and Children in Assam

983. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to voluntary organisations functioning at present in Assam, for welfare programmes for women and children, particularly in tribal and hilly areas of the State, during the last three years; and

(b) the total funds utilized for the same during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA